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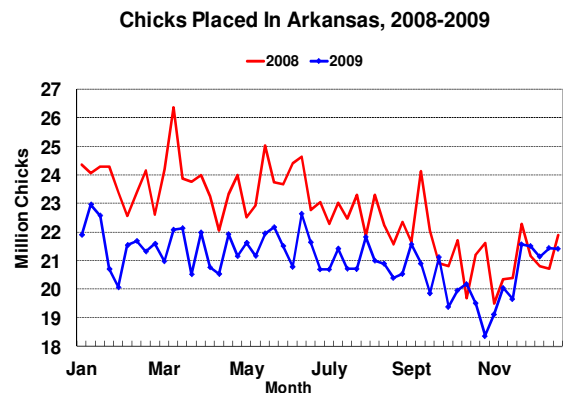
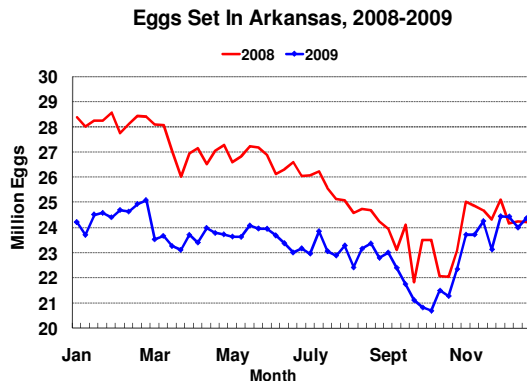


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.4 million during the week ending January 2, 2010. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 2, 2010, up 1 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 5, 2009 - January 2, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,465	29,614 *	29,459	29,798 *	29,435	21,077	20,232	20,436	20,904 *	21,601
Arkansas	23,143	24,454 *	24,446	24,008 *	24,377	21,571	21,515	21,151	21,451 *	21,419
Delaware	3,102	3,377	3,425	3,438	3,292	4,961	4,097	4,948 *	4,618 *	4,320
Florida	1,329	1,327	1,297	1,296	1,328	821	1,010	1,015	1,294 *	1,003
Georgia	31,186 *	31,146 *	31,147	31,173 *	31,204	25,026	25,688	26,389	26,160 *	26,119
Kentucky	7,828	8,015 *	7,998	8,041 *	7,978	6,290	6,069	6,250	6,475	6,024
Louisiana	3,424	3,349	3,349	3,379	3,379	2,969	3,075	3,022	3,066	2,917
Maryland	8,922	8,918	9,007 *	8,963 *	8,926	5,385	6,828	5,899 *	5,338 *	6,411
Mississippi	18,638	18,780	18,882	18,735	18,687	15,785	15,903	16,187	16,031	16,123
N. Carolina	18,294	18,549 *	18,909	18,750 *	18,245	15,379	15,505	15,695	15,155 *	15,558
Oklahoma	6,790	7,013 *	7,165	7,154 *	7,290	4,322	3,869	5,228	3,865	4,664
Pennsylvania	3,614	4,096	3,771	3,740 *	3,755	3,185	3,037	3,091	3,006 *	3,268
S. Carolina	5,685	5,589	5,825	5,814	5,427	5,199	4,586	4,656	5,099	4,347
Texas	15,302	15,689	15,273	15,395	14,956	13,414	13,631	13,575	13,204	13,488
Virginia	6,193	5,968	6,114	6,224	6,217	4,973	5,065	4,966	5,459	4,605
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,213	19,368	18,500 *	18,108 *	18,153	15,961	16,825 *	15,863 *	15,879 *	17,391
19 State Total	201,128 *	205,252 *	204,567 *	204,016 *	202,649	166,318	166,935 *	168,371 *	167,004 *	169,258
Prev. Year Total	200,741	205,041	203,388	202,493	202,760	166,189	167,904	168,272	166,152	168,557
% of Prev. Year	100	100	101	101	100	100	99	100	101	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2010. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2010. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 2, 2010 were 8.79 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.